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"And they cried, The Sword of the Lord, and of Gideon." Judges 7:20

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## The Need of a Revival

"Wilt thou not revive us again: that thy people may rejoice in thee?"—Psa 85:6.

By the Late DR. W. B. RILEY

Very generally in our country districts, and to a great extent in the city as well, the autumn and winter months are expected to be the months of harvest in spiritual things. Protracted meetings multiply in the churches; revivals are sought by many and enjoyed by some, and the period is one that repeats in some measure the history of Pentecost, for there are "added daily" to the churches "such as should be saved" (Acts 2:47).

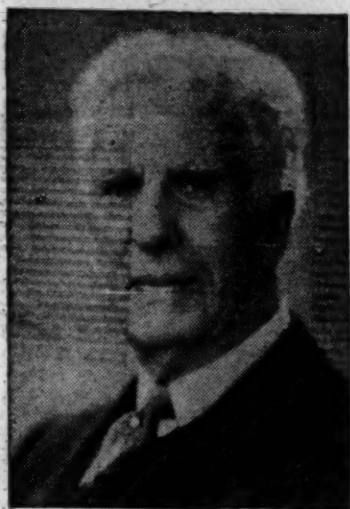
Some people object to what we call "a revival." They regard the very term as composing a condition of unusual excitement, produced mainly by an appeal to the emotions of men, and destined to end in little or no lasting good. There may be some cause for complaint at this point. If revival is only a magical appeal to the feeling of men and comes in consequence of human effort or oratory, and not by the power of the Spirit,

it results in fanatical excitement, transient professions and newspaper "puffs;" few sinners are saved, and no saints are refreshed.

But, after all, it remains true that the revival state is the only normal one for a church, and instead of trying at certain seasons to get up a revival, Christians ought to so live that a revival will be coming down from Heaven, like the snows and rains, through the entire season. Our noblest churches have illustrated the possibility of this. Witness the experience long ago of Spurgeon's Tabernacle; Tremont Temple, Boston; the Baptist Temple, New York; the Auditorium Temple, Los Angeles; the Atlanta Tabernacle; the First Presbyterian of Seattle. Witness my own church, and others of kindred spirit. The methods of the pastors of these churches were often criticised; but any man, or set of men, who enjoy an unusual blessing, are as certain to be the subjects of adverse remark as Christ Himself was.

One who loves souls, however, and longs to see them saved will be willing to pay the price; and we hope in these addresses to stimulate that evangelistic spirit which

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Dr. W. B. Riley

## DOES GOD WANT ME TO BE A FULL-TIME CHRISTIAN WORKER?

By EVANGELIST JOHN R. RICE

(Message to faculty and students at Wheaton College Academy, February 19, 1948. Mechanically recorded for THE SWORD OF THE LORD.)

I am going to speak to you this morning on, "Does God Want Me to Be a Full-Time Christian Worker?" Every Christian has to think on that question. Every Christian should ask himself, "Does God want me to be a pastor, an evangelist, a missionary, a minister's wife?"

The Scripture says in Matthew 9:36-38:

"But when he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd. Then saith he unto his disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few; Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest."

Jesus said, "The harvest is plentiful." There are plenty of people who can be won to Christ. One can have revivals. One can win souls. You need not say that the doors are closed. You need not say you cannot get sinners to come to church. You need not say you cannot reach Catholics, you cannot reach Jews, you cannot reach hardened sinners. You need not say that there are so many people these days going to the shows, so many people breaking the Sabbath, so many people committing other sins that one cannot get people saved. That is

not true. Jesus said, "The harvest is great. People can be won to Christ; the only trouble is with the laborers."

That is not the way we usually say it. We usually say, "Well, we have fine churches but sinners just won't come." We usually feel, "Well, it's the sinner's fault if nobody is saved." We usually say, "Well, we are doing all we can do." But Jesus said, "That is not true. There are plenty of lost people who can be won. There are plenty of churches that can

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## WRITE US A LETTER!

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—Isa. 41:13

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## AND THE NAPKIN

By REV. R. S. BEAL, D.D.

Pastor First Baptist Church, Tucson, Arizona

"Then cometh Simon Peter following him, and went into the sepulchre, and seeth the linen clothes lie, And the napkin, that was about his head, not lying with the linen clothes, but wrapped together in a place by itself" (John 20:6, 7).

The three words which form my subject may seem very incidental, but I am constrained to believe that a careful examination of the circumstances involved will reveal some striking testimony relative to the resurrection of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

In this message I want to lead you from the cross, the place of a skull, to the open tomb where the body of our Lord had been laid and from which it rose in glory. As we behold the scenes which took place "outside the camp" where Jesus hung a dying victim upon the cross, we will be compelled to say with the centurion as he spake of Him, "Truly this was the Son of God." No death has ever been witnessed like the death of our Lord. When He died the temple veil was torn from top to bottom, the rocks were rent asunder and graves were flung wide open.

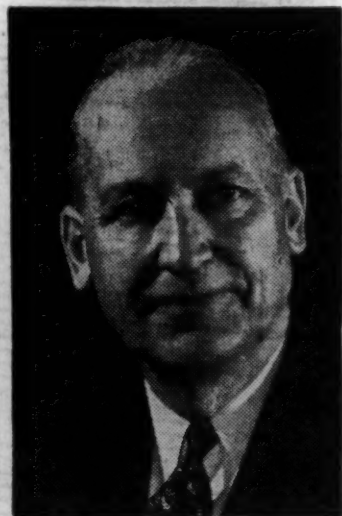
During His awful agony the sun had hid its face so that midnight darkness ensued. The various utterances from the cross had been heard, and finally the Saviour yielded up His spirit. He had died, and now disposition must be made of that sacred body. Two men came to claim the body, namely, Joseph and Nicodemus, both numbered among his friends. The body was not taken to the home of either of these men nor to a public morgue. It was buried soon after it had been taken from the cross and all that was done in relation to it was in strict accordance with the law. In the moments preceding the burial the body was properly prepared. After the manner of the Jews, it was wound around with linen, with spices and ointment mingled with the linen for the purpose of retarding decomposition. The Greeks cremated the body and the Egyptians embalmed it but the Jews did only as I have indicated.

Hints of the Jewish method of burial are seen in various portions of the New Testament. Referring to the death of Ananias we read, "And the young men arose, wound him up, and carried him out, and buried him" (Acts 5:6). "Then said Jesus, Let her alone: against the day of my burying hath she kept this" (John 12:7). Mary had anointed Him with "a pound

of ointment of spikenard, very costly." One of the disciples had complained and the Lord answered him by telling of her faith, and mentioning a custom in connection with burial. We read of the same custom in connection with the visit of the women to the tomb, "Now upon the first day of the week, very early in the morning, they came unto the sepulchre, bringing the spices which they had prepared, and certain others with them" (Luke 24:1). In John 19:39 we learn that there was brought about one hundred pounds of spices for use if necessary.

It was the custom of the closest relative to close the eyes of the deceased and also to shut the mouth and tie a napkin around the head to hold the jaws in place. A napkin had been placed around the head of Jesus. After this He was taken for burial on a long board or litter and then placed on a stone ledge in the tomb. In the case of Jesus, the tomb was securely fastened and a watch placed in front of it. His enemies

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Dr. R. S. Beal

## "How Shall We Escape, If We Neglect So Great Salvation?"

By EVANGELIST BILLY SUNDAY

(Excerpts from sermon preached in Omaha in 1915)

—Heb. 2:3.



Evangelist Billy Sunday

My text tonight assumes the form of a question, and it is unanswerable. If I should go to your leading merchant, and he would describe to me the principles necessary to pursue in order to carry a business to a successful issue, I would thank him for the information, then ask him the question of my text, and I would turn without an answer.

If I should go to your leading lawyer, and although he might be able to codify the laws of the state and interpret them for the Supreme Court, then should I ask him the question of my text, I

would turn and leave him without an answer.

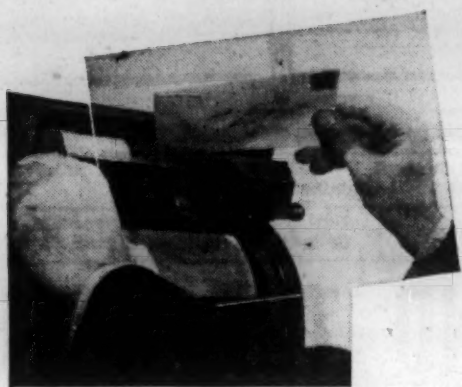
Should I go to your leading physician or physicians and they would explain to me many things about materia medica and medical jurisprudence, and then I would ask them the question of my text, I would turn and leave them without an answer.

Should I go to the lost world and if I should stand before the bars of their eternal imprisonment in Hell and look at their faces as they leered at me, and read upon their foreheads, "No hope"; if I

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# Write That Letter!



## You May Have It Free

By FAIRY SHAPPARD

Secretary to Miss Bradshaw, General Manager of Sword of the Lord Publishers

If you have ever been lonely—really lonely, so lonely that the heart inside you ached with the pain of it...

If you have ever been alone (there is a difference, you know):

Alone in some heartbreaking sorrow which you could share with no one...

Alone in some sickness which, in spite of their constant care and loving ministrations, your own loved ones could not fully share with you...

Alone in poverty, too proud to mention it to those who knew you best...

Alone in the helpless giving of unrequited, unreturned love...

Alone in some great task—your very life being filled with it, your plans, your dreams being of it; the need of it, the burden of it, the problems of it filling your waking hours and not even

leaving you when you sleep, and driving you on and beyond the point where loved ones, friends or helpers could assist you...

Alone even in some great joy, your heart almost bursting with the ecstasy of it, but with nobody to whom you could tell it or with whom you could share it...

If you have ever been forsaken—not through intention to hurt, perhaps, but forsaken, nevertheless...

If you have ever been misunderstood or betrayed by a friend...

If you have ever known the haunting fear that, after trusting Christ the best you knew how and depending on Him to save your soul, you might, through some sin or neglect or ignorance, lose your salvation and be forever lost...

THEN you will want a copy of the message by Dr. Rice, *Never Alone, Never Forsaken*, based on Hebrews 13:5, 6: "Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have; for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee. So that we may boldly say, The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me."

With sweet comfort and encouragement Dr. Rice discusses the following points:

I. The Lord Is With Every Christian Altogether Apart From His Deservings and His Feelings.

II. The Holy Spirit Dwells in the Christian Always, Never Leaves Him.

III. The Heavenly Father's Love Never Lets Go His Child.

IV. Christ Ever Liveth to Make Intercession for His Own. He Never Leaves Us to Our Sins.

V. The Christian's Eternal Safety Is Guaranteed Because He Is Never Left Alone, Never Forsaken.

### Yes, You May Have It!

This message, so full of blessing, is now being printed in booklet form, and during letter month (April) you may have it for the asking. It will have 28 large pages, size 8x5½ inches, a pictured cover, and will be printed on India paper. You will want a copy, I am sure, for your very own, to be read over and over. Or you may want a copy for a friend who is passing through special trial at this time. But you may have one copy only, whether you want it for yourself or a friend.

Along with the booklet will be sent you, also free, a folder with interesting facts about Sword of the Lord Publishers and pictures of the editor and workers. For other details and advantages of "Letter Month," see articles elsewhere in this paper. But write at once for your copy of *Never Alone, Never Forsaken*, and we will send one of the first copies off the press.

Remember, only one copy per letter. Each one who wants a copy must write for himself, since they are expensive. Write to Sword of the Lord Publishers, 214 W. Wesley St., Wheaton, Illinois.

## Free Pictures 'N' Everything!

Large Folder With Pictures of Sword of the Lord Building, Offices, Departments and Workers, Full of Testimonies and Information, Free for the Asking

For a long time we have felt that THE SWORD OF THE LORD readers were not well enough acquainted with our staff of workers and our office. Nearly every time some friend comes from afar and sees the big building, sees all the desks and typewriters, sees all the workers on our staff with a payroll of about \$1,000 a week, they exclaim, "My, I didn't know it was so big!"

We think we have done you wrong not to let you know more about us before this. Do you want to see the Navajo Indian boy who works in The Sword of the Lord office? Do you want to know one employee who has been with us 16 years, one 14 years, one 13 years? Do you want to see the picture of the bookkeepers, the subscription department, the workers seated in our little cafeteria, the wrapping and mailing room and workers, or all assembled in morning worship, or the

editor in his private study, the manager in hers? Would you like to read brief testimonies from these Christian workers who have come from many states to give their lives in getting out the gospel in print? Here it all is with pictures and comments and large folder, size 17 by 22 inches, which you will find thrilling and interesting. Your whole family will enjoy seeing it. Maybe you will want to keep it on the wall or post it on the bulletin board of your church, or keep it in your Bible as a reminder to pray for us.

This large folder will be sent absolutely free during April, our letter month, to those who write for it.

Remember you also get free if requested the beautiful pamphlet, *Never Alone, Never Forsaken*, the message by the editor for the comfort and strengthening of Christians. Also free on request, the large catalog of Sword of the Lord publications and other good books, plaques, etc. Write for yours today free.

## Editor's 5x7 Photograph Free With Orders of \$1 or More During April

By VIOLA WALDEN, Secretary to Dr. Rice

He put on his best suit of clothes, a pretty tie, combed his hair well and drove away. Who? The editor, Evangelist John R. Rice. Why? He was having his picture made. For whom? For you—that is, he had the picture made for advertising purposes and we in the office persuaded him to let us offer a copy of it free during the April letter month to every one ordering books or subscriptions worth \$1 or more.

And this picture is an excellent likeness, one we are sure will please our reader family. This is one of the special bargains offered during this time of letter month—a beautiful 5 x 7" double weight autographed photograph of our editor, Dr. Rice.

### Do You Really Know the Editor?

We believe readers of THE SWORD OF THE LORD will be especially interested in securing this photograph of the editor, because only readers of THE SWORD OF THE LORD can understand the vital connection between the paper and Dr. Rice as editor. Here are some of the reasons why we believe you will want this picture as a constant reminder to pray for Dr. Rice and the great ministry he is carrying on.

THE SWORD OF THE LORD has been built by the spirit of sacrifice. Many of our readers perhaps do not know the terrific amount of sacrifice that has been involved in making THE SWORD OF THE LORD "America's Outstanding Evangelistic Weekly." Those who do know what it has cost, know that the real sacrifice has been made by the editor and by his wife.

There are very few who realize the enormous amount of money needed, and the amazing amount of work demanded to maintain a weekly paper, and especially one with such high doctrinal and technical requirements as THE SWORD OF THE LORD. In the nature of the case the entire burden, with very few exceptions, has had to fall upon the already overloaded shoulders of the editor. For 14 years he has toiled literally day and night to present America with an evangelistic weekly that would be deserving of national recognition. While others were playing and enjoying the ordinary pleasures of life, he was working; while others were vacationing, he was working; while others were sleeping, he was working; "in season and out of season" he was writing articles and sermons, dictating replies to a voluminous correspondence, answering Bible

questions, offering help to those who were in need, counselling with preachers, evangelists and Christian workers about their many problems, answering the heart-cries of the unsaved who have confidence in his ministry and message, and who needed more light; praying for hours about the problems involved and the heavy burden of financing such a tremendous and far-reaching ministry.

The editor writes while travelling and while waiting for trains and planes; he usually spends the entire day except for time in preaching and prayer, in office work which must be carried on in order to manage the work for which God has made him responsible. Many nights, after preaching to a great crowd of thousands of people and delivering his soul in a great passionate appeal to the lost, he will be found back in his hotel room at work until the small hours in the morning in order to make a "dead line," or to answer some of the many demands of his correspondence. And all of this at absolutely no personal profit. Instead of receiving gain, he and Mrs. Rice have given many thousands of dollars at great per-

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### Write During April

sonal sacrifice to see that the testimony was maintained.

Many, many have been saved from a life of ruin and shame because of the editor's faithful ministry, and many thousands have been blessed and strengthened in the Christian life through the ministry of THE SWORD OF THE LORD, and many of these will want to own a copy of this beautifully reproduced portrait photograph, many will want to display it in their home as a daily reminder to pray for him.

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## And The Napkin

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were determined that He should not be disturbed and that the predictions which He had made of His resurrection should prove to be false.

At the beginning of the chapter wherein my text is found we read of the visit of Mary Magdalene to the sepulchre, having come very early when it was yet dark. Seeing that the stone was rolled away, she hurried to inform Peter and John. Immediately these two disciples went to the tomb to see if what had been reported was true. They should have borne witness that it was true without having to go to the tomb. It would have been a fine demonstration of their faith in the Word of their Saviour if they had refused to go to the tomb but had gone in the opposite direction to announce the glad tidings. Evidently John outran Peter but when he got to the tomb he hesitated to enter. When Peter got there he walked in without a moment's hesitation. Entering, he saw the linen in which the body of Jesus had been wrapped, and also the neatly folded napkin, but the Lord was gone.

Emboldened by Peter's action,

John entered the tomb and when he saw the situation, he believed. It didn't take him long to realize that something marvelous had taken place. That great stone had been rolled away, not to let Christ out, but to let in the rest of us that we might see and believe. There are many interesting details about this story, all of which are worthy of very careful attention, but I want us to fix our attention upon the folded napkin, small though it be. While it is a very little thing, yet it is full of meaning and is wonderfully significant as are all the little things of God. "Why should this detail be added to the story?" asks Dr. R. A. Torrey. As we contemplate it, we shall discover that it bears mute but glowing testimony to the life, death and resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ.

As we think of this little napkin, may I point out that

### It Bears Testimony That Jesus Died

Only dead people were bound with grave clothes. I believe from all the circumstances surrounding the preparation of the body

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of Jesus for burial, that those who handled Him must have been convinced of the reality of His death. Satan would like to have men believe that something else happened than the reality of death, perhaps a deep faint. This would be for the purpose of disproving the revelation that He actually rose from the dead.

But does it make any difference whether or not Jesus died? Why magnify the death of a person? I once heard a man say that he was more concerned about the beautiful life of Jesus than with the gory sights which clustered about His death. So far as he was concerned that part of the Bible story might be omitted. We must remember our salvation begins at the cross and not at the cradle of Bethlehem. The hope of forgiveness for any soul stems out of the fact that He actually died. God could not be satisfied with anything less than the actual death of Jesus as a payment for the sins of men. The death of Jesus was not an illusion nor a delusion.

Jesus died according to the Scriptures. This is the constant emphasis of the Word of God. There was no trance about it. He died just as the Bible declares. He died according to the will of God. It could not have been otherwise. He died that God might remain just and at the same time justify the ungodly. His death was a marvelous demonstration of the love of God for a poor perishing world.

Let us never get away from the truth that Jesus died according to the needs of men. Nothing less than His death could avail for poor perishing sinners. The example of His life was beyond us. None of us could possibly measure up to it. The only way to meet the just wrath of God toward wicked men was to meet it Himself and this He did. "For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly" (Rom. 5:6). Then in Romans 5:8 it is to read how "Christ died for us." He bare our sins in His own body on the tree. Jesus died as a sinner; He died between sinners and was buried as a sinner. The napkin of which we are studying was a grave cloth. It was a thing that belonged to the grave and to death, and it bears striking testimony to our hearts that He died for us.

Further consideration of this bit of cloth is to note that

### It Bears Testimony That Jesus Himself Had Come to Life

We read in the seventh verse of the twentieth chapter of John how the napkin was "wrapped together in a place by itself." I do not believe this would have been done if the body of Jesus had been stolen as some might claim. There would have been no time for this. The Lord Himself folded that napkin. It was the work of His own hands as He had come back to life. It was folded neatly and in a place by itself. Was not this characteristic of Jesus?

Our Lord was never in a hurry. He didn't have to be. All of time belonged to Him as well as eternity. After word had come to Him that Lazarus was nigh unto death, He didn't rush over to the place where His sick friend was. He tarried two whole days before going. On the way to heal a man's daughter who was in a desperate condition, He stopped to deal with a woman who had touched the hem of His garment. So on this momentous occasion, His blessed traits are wonderfully in evidence. Just as He was always calm under all conditions, even in the hour of His death, we find Him so in the glory and might of resurrection.

In His earthly ministry the Lord Jesus was always orderly. I do not believe He was ever untidy and careless. When it was time

to feed the five thousand men, besides women and children, they were not seated as a confused mass of people. He directed them to be seated in companies. When He sent forth His disciples, He carefully commanded and instructed them. All was done with deliberation and discrimination. This napkin was not thrown to one side as if it were merely incidental; but according to His nature and the custom of His life, the tomb that He was about to leave was left in orderly fashion. Is it any wonder then that John saw and believed? How could it have been otherwise?

As I contemplate further all that is suggested by the folded napkin I find that

### It Bears Testimony That Jesus' Resurrection Was Physical

I am sure that actual physical hands folded that napkin. They were the very hands which only a short time before had been cruelly pierced with great spikes to hold them firmly to the accursed cross. The grave clothes were left like a chrysalis. Jesus slipped out of them with the greatest ease because He could not be bound by natural law. We have every reason to believe that our blessed Saviour rose physically as well as spiritually from the dead. Modernism rejects this truth. Many a modernist declares that our Lord did not rise out of the tomb in a

literal sense at all but the Bible says He did.

In spite of the fact that so many feel the Old Testament does not teach the truth of resurrection, one of the most glorious of the Messianic Psalms so declares, because we read in Psalms 16:10, "For thou wilt not leave my soul in hell; neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption." The latter portion of this text is a direct prophecy of His physical resurrection.

Jesus clearly taught that He would rise physically for we read of it in John 2:18-22, "Then answered the Jews and said unto him, What sign showest thou unto us, seeing that thou doest these things? Jesus answered and said unto them, Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up. Then said the Jews, Forty and six years was this temple in building, and wilt thou rear it up in three days? But he spake of the temple of his body. When therefore he was risen from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this unto them; and they believed the Scripture, and the word which Jesus had said." The Pharisees never forgot these words and it accounts for the fact that the tomb was sealed so tightly and a guard was placed before it.

Our Master gave a personal demonstration of His physical resurrection when He challenged His disciples to handle Him and see that it was He Himself who stood before them. He drew attention to His hands and His feet

for these were what they had seen nailed to the cross. In so doing He was showing conclusively that He was not a disembodied spirit.

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that we have ever complained or felt blue or depressed. God is so good to us. Christian friends everywhere are praying for us, and we believe that there are enough real Christians with real understanding hearts to help us carry the financial burdens of this university. I am praying in my heart as I write this appeal that God may speak to many of our friends and move upon your hearts to send a financial contribution. You can invest money here, and it will pay dividends for all eternity. We thank all of you who have already helped us, and we know you are going to keep on helping us with additional financial contributions. Some of you have not yet sent any contribution to Bob Jones University, but I just know you are going to help us. So please let us hear from you. Thank you and God bless you.

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be established. There are millions of people who can be reached with the gospel. But the labourers are few; I don't have the workers.

God has a man-power shortage. God has a need for workers. He says, "I want you to pray with me. The harvest truly is great but the labourers are few. Pray ye the Lord of the harvest that he will send forth labourers into his harvest." Jesus looked on the people and had compassion. He

had a burden of soul for people, and He was begging the disciples to pray for workers.

### Every Christian Has the Same Obligation to Do Christ's Work

There are certain great facts that every Christian must face. The first one is: you belong to Jesus Christ. You are bought with a price. Some people say, "It would be wrong for a preacher to do certain things." It would be wrong for anybody to do them,

then. It cost just as much to keep you out of Hell as to keep Paul the apostle out of Hell. You are worth as much to God; you cost as much. God has just as much invested in you as He has in any missionary in Africa or China. You belong to God, lock, stock and barrel. If any boy or girl here ever says, "I believe I would like to do so and so," without consulting God, then you are sinning. What you like is not the question to be settled. The question is: what does God like? If you are a Christian, if you are saved, you do not have any more to say about this matter, except to find what God wants you to do.

And every Christian has that same obligation. It is not the kind of thing about which one can say, "Well, I believe I would like to be a lawyer," or "I would like to be a businessman and make lots of money," or "I would like to be a scientist," or "I would like to be an author." Never mind what you like. Are you saved? Well, if you are saved, then that ought to settle this matter. You belong to Jesus Christ, you have no right to your own way. And if you are honest—if you are not a dirty cheat—you are going to say, "Jesus Christ, You can have me. Just show me what to do and I'll try to do it. I belong to You. I don't have any right to my way. Have Thine own way, Lord; have Thine own way." Every honest Christian has to come to that place. And if you have not come to that place, you are a backslider, you are a rebel, you are not in the will of God. You are not a good Christian if you have not come to the place where you can say: "The Lord can have me. He can have me to live or to die. He can have me to be poor or to be rich. He can have me to be loved or to be hated. He can have me to be happy or to be miserable. But He can have me. I am His. I have no right to my own way." So then every Christian has to face the thing alike.

Preachers are saved just as everybody else is saved. We have the same problem to face. You belong to Jesus Christ. You do not have any right to your own way. You are a dirty cheat, you are robbing God of what He has a right to have—your love and devotion and surrender—if you do not say, "Jesus Christ, You just tell me what to do and I'll do it. I belong to You. You have bought me. I am purchased with a price too great for me to ever have my own way about it. You can have me."

### With the Lord Jesus the Salvation of Souls Is Absolutely First

Every Christian, alike, must face another thing, and that is this: we know what Christ wants most in all the world. Stop and think a little bit and it is not hard to know what Christ wants. He looked on that great multitude and had compassion on them. He said, "Oh, the harvest is so great. The harvest is so great! I'm willing to teach them. I'm willing to die for them. But I don't have enough workers to tell it. I want people saved." "The Son of man is come to seek and save that which was lost," He said in Luke 19:10. What did Jesus come for? He came to save people! Paul said, "This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief." (I Tim. 1:15). What did Jesus come for? He came to save sinners.

Do you know what Jesus is waiting for now at the right hand of the Father? Sometimes we say, "Oh, I wonder when Jesus will come? It seems so long!" O Lord Jesus, how long, how long!

Do you know why Jesus does not come yet? In II Peter 3:19 the Scripture says, "The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is long-suffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance." God does not want anybody to be lost, and He is waiting about the second coming only so some more people can get saved. There is not anything in the prophecies that will have to come to pass before Jesus comes. There is not any place the gospel has to be preached before Jesus can come—not according to the

promises of the Bible. Already, the Bible says, the Word has gone out to the whole world (Rom. 1:8, Col. 1:5, 6). The world has heard the gospel. But the Lord waits because He is not willing for anybody to perish. He wants souls saved.

Every Christian, I say, is going to have to face this fact. The Lord Jesus loves poor, lost sinners. That is the main thing on His mind. When He was on earth that was what He thought about. In Heaven that is what He still thinks about. The Lord Jesus wants souls saved. And every Christian is going to have to face the fact that if you please Jesus Christ, you are going to have to learn to feel as He does, you will have to have a great concern and burden and compassion for poor, sinning souls. That is the thing

nearest to the heart of God.

There is just one thing that makes saints and angels happy up in Heaven. If you want them to start the Hallelujah Chorus and ring all the bells; if you want the angels to clap their hands, just get somebody saved! The Scripture says, "Joy shall be in heaven over one sinner that repenteth, more than over ninety and nine just persons, which need no repentance" (Luke 15:7). So if you want to please Jesus Christ, you are going to have to consider dying souls and how to get them to Him. That is the thing He loves and wants the most.

### There Are More Soul-Winning Opportunities Than There Are Workers

Another thing every Christian is going to have to face is the fact (Continued on Page 5)

## The Need of a Revival

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we believe to be needful for the progress of the Church.

### The Revival Necessity

We do not need to argue the necessity of a revival.

The condition of your heart, perhaps, with its cry unto God for a larger life, is sufficient conviction of that need.

The absolute deadness of many of our churches, the lack of deep interest in others and the feeble life of even the better ones speak this same revival necessity.

First of all, then, the necessity is one of our own souls. It is a blessed fact that when one is born of God he is never quite satisfied with that coldness and indifference with which Satan constantly seeks to compass him about. He is never quite satisfied unless he believes himself to be on the upgrade, growing in grace.

We are often told now that we have nothing to do with the past, but each day should bring us a better experience, and we should dwell upon and live in that; and that is true! And yet, what should be, often is not; and there are men, not a few, who have seen better times in spiritual things than they today experience, and all such are likely to cry with David for revival.

William Cowper's hymn, written when Cowper was sane enough, expresses the sentiment of many a saint.

Oh, for a closer walk with God,  
A calm and heavenly frame,  
A light to shine upon the road  
That leads me to the Lamb!  
Where is the blessedness I knew  
When first I saw the Lord?  
Where is the soul-refreshing view  
Of Jesus and His word?  
What peaceful hours I then enjoyed!  
How sweet their memory still!  
But they have left an aching void  
The world can never fill.  
Return, O Holy Dove, return,  
Sweet messenger of rest;  
I hate the sins that made thee mourn,  
And drove thee from my breast.

The psalmist voiced the bitterest, deepest cry of his soul when he said, "Wilt thou be angry with us for ever? wilt thou draw out thine anger to all generations? Wilt thou not revive us again: that thy people may rejoice in thee?" (Psa. 85:5, 6).

It is claimed that when Tully was banished from Italy, and Demosthenes was banished from Athens, they were unable to look back toward their homes without bursting into tears.

But the presence and favour of God must be dearer to His children than Italy's fair skies and landscapes were beautiful to her native-born, and the sense of His lost love more hard to bear than banishment from the streets of Athens—the world's most intellectual city.

A saved man is never satisfied with that cold condition in which he knows little or nothing of the presence of his God.

The necessity is no less one of the very life of our churches. Dr. Gordon did not speak too strongly when he said, "Ecclesiastical

corpses lie all about us. The caskets in which they repose are lined with satin. They are decorated with solid silver handles and abundant flowers; and, like other caskets, they are just large enough for their occupants, with no room for strangers. These churches have died of respectability and been embalmed in self-complacency, and if by the grace of God our church is alive, let us be warned to use our opportunity, or the feet of them that buried her sisters will be at the door and will carry her out."

When I was pastor in Chicago, three pastors of the three largest churches of the south side were together. One of them, a man of holy fervour, and of the Spirit's favour, unboomed his heart, and pleaded with his people and the people of the other two congregations for a Christianity worthy the name, a Church that was alive, and a seeking of souls that should mean salvation. At the close of the service, when these three pastors sat together, the other two said to my friend, "Unless some such revival comes to these churches, there is no longer occasion for their existence."

When I study the state of religion in our churches, I cry with David, "Wilt thou not revive us again: that thy people may rejoice in thee?" (Psa. 85:6).

Everywhere today, unsettled pastors are asking, What is the trouble in the churches? and distracted factions are wondering why they cannot agree and see God's work go on; and the simple answer is, There is no spiritual life enough to make possible the satisfaction of a true pastor, not even enough to save the institution itself from dissolution.

### The Condition of a True Revival

So far as we are wrong we must face about. The psalmist understood that necessity, but made mistake in getting right. He prayed, "Turn us, God of our salvation" (Psa. 85:4), whereas he should have turned himself. God's call is: "Turn ye, turn ye."

We are not wax figures, to be turned by some sort of machinery. We are sentient souls in possession of every motive power that controls conduct and determines character, and when we want to be right, we must face about. The conditions of revival have not changed since Solomon's time. God said then, in answer to Solomon's prayer at the dedication of the Temple, "If I shut up heaven that there be no rain, or if I command the locusts to devour the land, or if I send pestilence among my people; if my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land" (II Chron. 7:13, 14).

Humility! Prayer! Supplication! Reformation! These are the conditions of revival; and, if we are to see the revival, we must meet them.

But I am not sure that God demands of every member of a church such facing about before He puts His favour upon the other members. On the contrary, revivals often begin with the importunate souls and spread from them to those less interested.

It is told that the first night after Father Chiniquy was con-

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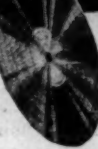
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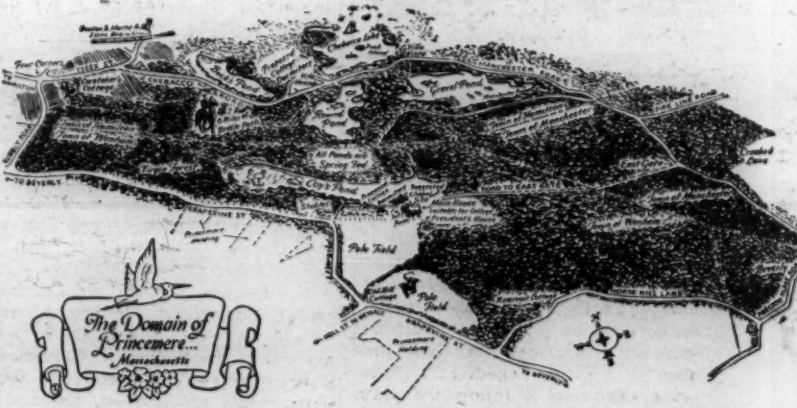
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that the harvest is ready. Don't you say there is no place for you to work. There is! There are so many people to win. Somebody says, "Well, we have so many preachers now." Yes—of the kind we have: some pretty shabby ones, not many who really sweat and cry and pray and wait on God; not many who are filled with the Holy Ghost and who have His power. No, no; we do not have enough preachers! The harvest is white but the LABORERS are few. There is a great harvest; we need people to win them. And people can be won, the Scripture says. Every Christian is going to have to face that.

## In Heaven the Greatest Rewards Will Be for Soul-Winning

And all the great eternal rewards are going to be for soul winning. You remember Daniel 12:2-4 says, "And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever."

Do you want to rise and shine one of these days? Then you will have to have some souls. That is the eternal reward. Suppose you make a million dollars! It will slip between your palsied fingers on your deathbed. You will not carry it with you. Build nice houses! They will be burned down some time. Make a great name! Make fame and fortune! Why, the world will turn against you as quickly as it turned against Woodrow Wilson, as quickly as it turned against Herbert Hoover, as quickly as it has turned against other great men in the world. Nothing else much will last, but soul-winning wins the eternal reward.

Before anybody says, "I'll go in the banking business," you had better ask yourself: "Will banking give me a reward in Heaven?" Before anybody here starts out to be a lawyer he had better ask himself, "But when I meet Jesus will I have an eternal reward, will He be pleased and will I rejoice forever and shine forever because of this?" Before anybody here sets out to make money, before anybody here makes any other plans, he or she had better remember this: the eternal rewards and blessings for a Christian—I am not talking about salvation, you have that free—but the eternal rewards and blessings for a Christian come by winning souls. They that turn many to righteousness shall shine as the stars forever and ever.

## Every Christian Is Commanded to Pray for God to Send Workers

And the Lord Jesus said to pray about this matter. Every Christian has to pray about it. Every Christian ought to have it on his heart and ought to pray: "O God, send workers. O Lord, send out laborers. Lord, send out soul winners." Honest, obedient Christians will have to follow the plain command of Jesus to pray about soul winners, to pray about workers.

But stop and consider: what do you think about the kind of fellow who prays one way and lives another? What would you think about a girl who says, "Lord, send missionaries. Lord, there are so many lost people, please send somebody to win them. But don't send me; I don't want to suffer. I don't want to leave home. I don't want to be poor. I don't want to go to Africa where I might have sleeping sickness, where I would never see anybody but black people and where I might never get to see my loved ones again." I might die before I would get to come home. I don't want to go, but send somebody to Africa. I surely want those people saved, Lord, but don't send me." What would you think about that kind of praying? It would be dishonest, wouldn't it?

Down in Texas years ago, I am told, Dr. R. C. Buckner, a great

and good man of God, preached one night, begging people to surrender to the foreign mission call. "Oh, to go to China! How they need in China somebody to preach the gospel, somebody to win souls! Won't you go?" he pleaded. He said, "If you'll give up yourself to go to China, I want you to come here and take my hand." And a girl fifteen years old came down the aisle weeping and said, "I'll go, Daddy."

He said, "Josephine, I didn't mean you, darling; I didn't mean you!"

It is a pretty hard business, but you had better face it. If God wants anybody to go and if you ought to pray for God to send somebody, then you ought to say, "Lord, do You want me to go?" Is it an honest prayer when you pray for souls to be saved but say, "Lord, I'm too busy; I don't want to go"? Is it an honest prayer when you say, "Lord, I wish You would send great revivals, but I don't want to be an evangelist"? Is it an honest thing to pray, "O God, save many, many souls," unless you are willing to give yourself up to winning souls? Every Christian has to face that, don't you see? Oh, then, let's pray, "God send soul winners!" And let's pray, "Lord, send me!"

## Every Christian Should Put Soul-Winning First

The next point is: certainly every Christian here ought to set out to make soul winning the main business.

Not everybody can be pastor of a church. "Some of us have to work for a living," as a businessman told me some time ago. He ought to follow me around a while! His ears would be dragging in the mud before long and he would find out that there is work besides that in banks and in stores. But some people cannot spend all their time in that. Some people have to farm. Some people have to work in factories. Some people have to run businesses. Some people ought to take places in public service in the nation's government, etc. Nevertheless—no matter whether you are a farmer or a lawyer or a physician or something else—the first aim of every Christian ought to be to win souls.

Every Christian can win souls. If he can win one, he ought to win one. If he can win ten, he ought to win ten. If he can win a hundred, he ought to win a hundred. If he can do it one day out of a week, he ought to do it that one day. If he has to work seven days in the week to make a living, he still ought to do what he can to win souls, personally, to Christ. And if he can somehow trust the Lord for support, can get in open doors and profitably for God spend full time in the gospel work, with God's clear blessing on it, he should be in full-time Christian work. But soul-winning must be first with consecrated Christians. If you do not do all you can to win souls, you are a disobedient Christian. Every Christian ought to win souls.

Somebody asks, "Should I be a preacher?" I do not know. But you can find out. The way to find out is to go on through the open doors and say, "Lord, I will go as far as You let me."

When I left the ranch home out in west Texas to go to college I said, "Lord, I don't know what You want me to be. Maybe You will let me be a preacher. Maybe You will want me for a gospel singer. Maybe You will want me to be a college teacher. I do not know. But You can have me. I will give the tithe and offerings. I will set out to live for You; then You just show me the rest of it and I'll do it. I do not yet know all You want me to do."

Nobody here has to decide today whether you are going to be a missionary in Africa or China or somewhere else; it is not time to go yet. But at least you ought to be able to say, "Lord Jesus, You can have me, lock, stock, and barrel. When you say, 'Go,' I'll go; and when You tell

me where, I'll plan to go there." The surrender part, the yes, can come now. The instructions, the sealed orders, can come later. But honest Christians have to say yes to God, and soul winning is the main thing to which every Christian should give himself.

## How to Know Whether God Wants You for Full-Time Work: First Offer Yourself

How can I know whether God wants me to go full time into Christian service? Well, there are two or three things to go by. One is, you will have to go by faith. God wants people like Isaiah. In the sixth chapter of Isaiah the Scripture says:

"In the year that King Uzziah died I saw also the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and his train filled the temple. Above it stood the seraphims: each one had six wings; with twain he covered his face, and with twain he covered his feet, and with twain he did fly. And one cried unto another, and said, Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory. And the posts of the door moved at the voice of him that cried, and the house was filled with smoke. Then said I, Woe is me! for I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for mine eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts. Then flew one of the seraphims unto me, having a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with the tongs from off the altar: And he laid it upon my mouth, and said, Lo, this hath touched thy lips; and thine iniquity is taken away, and thy sin purged. Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I; send me."—Isa. 6:1-8.

After his lips had been touched with the coal of fire from the altar, after he had been cleansed, God said, "Who will go for Me?"

Isaiah said, "I'll go, Lord, send me. Let me go—I'll go!" He was volunteering.

By faith one ought to offer himself to God. I do not say that every one here ought to grit his teeth and say, "I'm going to do it; I determine that I'm going to

be a preacher" (or "a missionary," or "a gospel singer"). No, but you ought to say, "Lord Jesus, if You can use me, please take me. If You want me for a missionary, You will have to show me where; but You can have me. I hope You will take me, Lord. I am praying for You to use me. I am offering myself, Lord."

Why, that is what we are told in Romans 12:1, isn't it?

"I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service."

That is volunteering. That is not a selective draft; it is volunteering. That is saying, "Lord, use me!" Then God will have to show you. He will guide you by the Holy Spirit, and as you follow on He will give you sweet assurance and leading in your heart about where to go and how to do it. But every Christian ought to say, "Lord, I'll go just as far as You will let me go."

When I came back to Texas and told how in the Pacific Garden Mission in Chicago I had laid my life on the altar and said, "Lord, if You want me, You can have me; I'll preach for You," some preacher said to me, "Why, John, you are not called to preach, that is no call to preach."

I said, "I don't care whether I am called or not, just so the Lord does not stop me, just so I can go on and have souls saved." The truth of the matter is, God does not stop people who get souls saved. The Bible never says, "I won't let you win souls." God never tells anybody, "I don't want you to win souls. I don't want you weeping over sinners. I don't want you to try to keep people

out of Hell." God wants people who will volunteer to do their best for Him.

## Next, If You Want God to Use You, Prepare!

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## 'How Shall We Escape If We Neglect So Great Salvation?'

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should ask them the question of my text, I would turn and leave without an answer.

Should God commission an angel to come from glory, if it should honor you and me with its presence and would stand here long enough for me to ask the question of my text, it would turn and wing its way back to the throne of God, fold its wings like a tired dove, and I would stand gazing off into illimitable space without an answer.

"How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation?"

Our first thought about salvation is that we are saved from Hell. Yes, that is true, but you only begin to live. No man begins to live until he is a Christian. Religion was intended to produce and promote the highest possible degree of human happiness in the world. No man is fit for Heaven until he is a Christian. Multitudes of people just exist. They do not live because they are not Christians.

You cannot determine anything about Hell by scientific investigation. A man who steals does not believe in prison. Whether or not there is a Hell is a question which the church, by virtue of its existence, can settle in but one way. "He that believeth not shall be damned." Never mind how he will be damned. God Almighty did not owe this old world a thing.

In preaching about Hell I am

always confronted with this difficulty, but I always meet a class of people in every community who think Hell is fixed up like a lot of clubs in this town. If that is Hell they are not afraid of it.

The only way you can ever enter Heaven is to repent and accept Jesus Christ as your Saviour.

No, you cannot eliminate from the Bible that which is not pleasant for you to receive. You have to take it with the fact that in every community there is a class of people who seek to eliminate from the Bible that which is not pleasant for them to receive, and they seem to think that because they don't believe a thing, that releases them from any necessity of believing and makes them immune from the punishment consequent upon the kind of a life they live in a life of unbelief.

If Hell is not eternal, then Heaven is not everlasting. The God who said "eternal damnation," said "eternal heaven." Whether or not there is a Hell is a question which the church, by virtue of her existence, can answer in but one way. "He that believeth on him is not condemned; but he that believeth not is condemned already." Never mind how you are going to be damned. That doesn't enter into it at all.

It makes no difference whether Hell fire is eternal or whether it is a figure of speech used by God to show how awful we will be punished. You don't want to go

to Hell to find out whether it is literal or not, do you?

God has set before this world an open door, a blessing and a curse. It is Heaven or Hell for everybody. God has done all He can or ever will do. The plan is fixed, the die is cast. It is up to you.

A man says to me: "Then you believe in an eternal, literal Hell?"

"Yes, sir. I have never gotten so low down as to have the audacity to put my mediocre, asinine reason up by the side and is defiance of God."

### \* Believes in Eternal Bible

If the time ever comes that I do not believe the Word of God from cover to cover, I will leave the platform.

There may be other modes of punishment which would be as excruciating to you as burning. There may be. Suppose this: Supposing I saw an assassin lean his ladder up against the house and stealthily enter the room where my children were sleeping, and in his hand a long, razor-like dirk, and he is about to pierce that into the heart of those I loved dearer than my own life. Supposing I can stand here and look upon the scene. I cannot warn them. But supposing someone would say to me, and I could absolutely believe them: "Pull off your shoes and stockings and walk on these burning coals and that will secure for you the life of your wife and children." Show me the man who would hesitate a minute. The mental agony through which he would pass would be a thousand-fold more than the physical suffering he would endure in walking over those burning coals.

There might be other means of punishment, I say, which would be as excruciating to you as burning. Never mind; God says you will be damned.

Wonder of wonders to me is the plan of salvation. It is so wonderful that no man, with the greatest mind the world has ever known, has ever yet been able to master it, and it is so plain that boys and girls can and do accept it and are saved.

Paul meant to teach in his letter to the Hebrews that it is possible for a man to believe he is lost and still neglect to accept salvation.

### Left Town to Escape Revival

I know of some men in Omaha so moved by the Spirit of God that they can scarcely eat or sleep. I know men in this town so moved of God that they can scarcely attend to business. I know men who have actually left town for no other reason than to get away from this revival, for they knew if they stayed it would be to yield to what they know is right. I know men who come to this tabernacle, listen to me preach, and when the invitation is given they grab their hats, and pale of cheeks, with bloodshot eyes, ashen of lips, they rush from the building. I have seen men so moved of God that I thought they would faint as they sat in their seats. I saw their faces turn ashen, I saw them tremble by the power of God's Spirit striving within them—and what an awful fight—and they walked out and all Hell cheered, for the Devil had won the victory.

You cannot afford to neglect your education and grow up in ignorance; you cannot afford to neglect your health and go to a premature grave; you cannot afford to neglect plowing the ground and planting the seed; you cannot afford to neglect your business and become bankrupt, and if you were in a sinking ship and the last lifeboat was putting away,

you could not afford to neglect to avail yourself of that; if you were in a burning building you could not afford to neglect the only means of escape, but you could neglect all better than to neglect the chance of salvation.

### They Had Been Warned

There are men in Hell who heard wagonloads of sermons. They had been warned, but they refused to heed. Just as you men and women sit there night after night.

It is great because it is the only salvation.

The scheme of salvation, the coming of Jesus, are proofs positive that God wants men and women to be saved whether they will be saved or not, and the reason men and women are not saved is because of their own free choice of evil, not God's desire to punish them, and the bitterest dreg is you will have no one to blame but yourself.

It is great because it saves from great sins. God uses the worst terms He can find in order to tell you and me what men have done and that God forgave them and He will forgive us.

It is a great salvation that can reach down into the quagmire of filth, pull a young man out and send him out to hunt his mother, and fill her days with sunshine. It is a great salvation, for it saves from great sin.

It is great. I want to tell you that the way to Heaven is a blood-stained way. No man has ever reached it without Jesus Christ, and he never will.

### Must Pay Old Debts

Supposing a man in this town would break into a building and crack a safe. He would leave here and go to another state and live as a law-abiding citizen for ten years. The officers of this county would hear of it, arrest him and bring him back for trial. Would the fact that he had lived as a law-abiding citizen for ten years atone for the fact that ten years ago he cracked a safe? Not much. No matter how a man lives from here up to there, it won't atone for what he did from there up to here. Now, let me make that plain.

You were born there; you reached the age of accountability here. The law says when a boy is six, seven or eight years old he knows right from wrong to the extent that they can send him to a reformatory. I pity the boy's mother who says he is too young to join the church.

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## Does God Want Me to Be a Full-Time Christian Worker?

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wants me to go into full-time Christian service? Well, second, I would say: are you willing to pay the price? There is no use of going unless you are willing to get your preparation. You may say, "I'll be a Christian worker," or, "I'll be a minister," or, "I'll be an evangelist." No, not unless you are willing to give up your worldly ways, not unless you are willing to pay the price, not unless you are willing to be filled with the Holy Ghost, not unless you are willing to say good-by to your family and loved ones, not unless you are willing to give up your ambitions.

Listen to me, boys! Maybe God wants some of you to be preachers. But you will not be any good unless you say, "Lord, if it takes that, I'll let You have Your way about the girl I marry." You can't do the picking and choosing on everything else and then expect God to use you in this. No, God wants to have His way about your whole life: where you get your education, who you marry, when you marry, and the rest of it. How many thousands of people there are every year who say, "I'll give up to full-time Christian service," but then who go on to a modernistic, ungodly college and get training that God cannot use, or marry in their own will and then are laid aside. God cannot ever use them much. No, you are going to have to be willing to pay the price by letting God have His way if you are going to be used in Christian service.

### If You Want to Know, Wait for God's Clear Leading

How can I know whether God wants me to go into full-time Christian service? Last of all I would say this: if you really mean business, God will show you. After you have surrendered yourself, perhaps even after you get some of your training, after you learn to win souls, after you have a broken heart, then God will show you. He will show you where to go. He will show you what to do. He will make the way clear. You can have sweet assurance, and it will grow sweeter and steadier and more sure all the time. But wait before God, with a surrendered heart, till He shows you.

Before I close let me say this:

there is one thing everybody here can do. Everybody here can say, "Jesus Christ can have me. If He wants me, He can have me. Whatever He says, I'll try to do. I will give up my will today." You may have to say it again tomorrow, but let's say it today. You have said it already, perhaps. Well, let's say it again.

I wonder how many of you will say, "Whether God wants me to preach or be a missionary; whether God wants me to be a special worker; whether He wants me to be a housewife; whether He wants me to be a special soul winner—never mind, God can have me today. And if only He will tell me and give me grace, I will go where He wants me to go, I'll do what He wants me to do, I'll do what He says about my education. I'll do what He says about my marriage. I'll do what He says about my vocation. I'll do what Jesus Christ says. If He will help me, by God's grace I'll give myself anew to Jesus Christ. He says He wants workers. He can have me, then. He will have to tell me where to go, but I give myself to Him."

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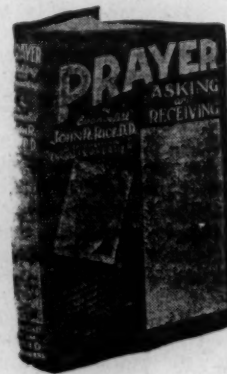
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In my judgment, these books will prove among the most fruitful and helpful commentaries that a preacher can have. Dr. Riley was a strong Bible teacher. Better yet, he was a magnificent preacher. He was a statesman in the pulpit. Here are combined lucid exposition of a steadfast devotion to the inerrant Scriptures and a fervent evangelistic emphasis. Dr. Riley's outlines really cover the Scripture, and his sermons are properly called expository. Yet they are bright with illustration, strongly classic language, buttressed with many scholarly quotations and withal

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## 'How Shall We Escape If We Neglect So Great Salvation?'

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to there does not blot out the fact that you sinned from there over to here. And there is nothing but faith in Jesus Christ that can blot out and make your record as though you never had sinned from there to here.

### How Shall We Escape?

"How shall we escape if we neglect so great salvation?"

It is great in its pardon, forgiveness, justification. God says:

"I'll remember your transgressions against you no more forever." "Sin shall not have dominion over you."

Some men seem to think that they would be happy if only in Heaven. If God would reach down out of Heaven now and take you out of your seat and take you to Heaven without your first being saved, your gratitude toward God would not change one iota from what it is this minute when you sit and listen to me. God has to get in your heart by acceptance of Jesus Christ. God's nature has to come into you by repentance and faith. God has to get into your heart for repentance and faith or you wouldn't be happy if you were in Heaven tonight. You will have the same character when you die that you have now. Death won't change your char-

acter. You will die, and that is the kind of character you will have all through eternity.

Supposing you were up in jail sentenced to be executed for killing a man, and the government pardons you. The sheriff comes and tells you that you are free and that your wife and children are without waiting in a carriage to drive you home.

You go home, but at midnight arise and tell your wife that you must go, and you can hear the voice of the man you killed, and can feel his blood with your fingers. You have been pardoned for the crime, but that makes no difference.

God not only pardons, but He forgives and justifies.

In the sixteenth chapter of Luke God tells us of the rich man and Lazarus. The rich man died. He had a big family. In Hell he lifted up his eyes, being in torment, and he saw Lazarus in the bosom of Abraham.

"Send someone with water to moisten my lips," Abraham said: "Why, there is a great gulf fixed; we cannot get to you; you cannot get to us." And he said to Abraham: "I have five brothers on earth. Send someone back from the dead to warn them."

"They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them."

### He Wouldn't Believe

He didn't want his brothers to go to that place of torment. In Hell he remembered the kind of a life he had lived. In Hell he remembered that he had left five brothers who were all living when he left the earth the same kind of lives, and he knew they would go to Hell where he was, and he wanted to keep them out of there. He wanted Abraham to send someone back from the dead to tell the people on earth what kind of a place Hell is.

I tell you, if God would let somebody crawl out of Hell and stand on this platform to tell you what Hell is, you wouldn't believe Jesus Christ if you don't believe what I tell you.

Abraham said they would not believe, though someone arose from the dead. If they won't believe Moses and the prophets they wouldn't believe what a man said, if he crawled out of Hell and preached to you.

"How shall we escape if we neglect so great salvation?"

In Hell man's memory is active. You will remember this tabernacle, and my face and voice as I pleaded with you. Your mind will be just as active in Hell as it is tonight.

"How shall we escape if we neglect so great salvation?"

Years ago a steamer backed from the wharf in New York and started out for the open sea. She

crossed the bar and the cry rang out: "Man overboard!"

They hurled the lifeline. He seized it. They put out the lifeboat to get him, but just as they were near him he took the lifeline, doubled it up in his hands and hurled it towards the ship with a laugh and was gone.

You say, "A man who would do that must have been insane." They say he was. They say he had escaped from the insane asylum, gotten on the ship, leaped into the sea and took that means of ending his life.

But I think that is a type of insanity that is prevalent. God hurls to you men and women, struggling in sin, the lifeline of salvation and you push it from you. God hurls it in these sermons and you push it from you. How that insane man differs from the old sailor upon the Cunnarder! She battled through the storm. He was up on the mast putting on her new dress. He lost his hold and fell into the sea. The cry rang out: "Man overboard!"

They hurled the lifeline, drew him in by the side of the ship, lifted him on deck and laid him down. He never moved. Physicians worked over him for over half an hour, but he never moved. Finally they saw his eyes tremble and his lips move and the captain said: "John, let loose the lifeline; you are not in the sea," but the sailor made no reply.

They worked over him for fifteen minutes more and the captain said:

"John, you are not in the sea; you are on the deck of the old ship. Open your eyes; let loose the line, John."

They saw his lips tremble, they bent over him and he said: "Captain, I can't let loose; I gripped her for my life."

And it was four hours before the muscles in the man's arms and fingers relaxed so that he could let loose of that line, so tightly had he grasped it.

I hurl out the lifeline to you. "How can we escape if we neglect so great salvation?"

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## And the Napkin

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spiritual concepts of His resurrection must flee. Jesus rose from the dead and from the tomb. "O grave, where is thy victory?" What comfort it is to our hearts to know that the grave is not all-powerful!

We are not through with this bit of cloth yet because

**It Bears Testimony That Jesus Was Infinite in Power**

The book of Romans opens with the declaration that Jesus is "declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the Spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead" (Rom. 1:4). We see Him, the Son of God, with power. I memorized this morning that beautiful statement as found in Psalms 62:11, "God hath spoken once; twice have I heard this; that power belongeth unto God." It takes nothing short of the power of God to cope with the power of death and the grave.

When Lazarus came forth from the grave at the command of the Lord, he was alive but bound. Jesus had to order that he be released from his grave clothes. But it was not so with the risen Christ. No power on earth or among men could hold against the power of Heaven. He was not to be held by the grave. The empty tomb of Jesus containing the elements of the old life shows that One had come into the world who was stronger than death. Praise God there was a Man who could empty a grave when men had filled it. If you lay imprisoned in some great fortress, and one who loved you went forth to try to rescue you, but fell and died fighting, you would cherish the memory of your friend's valiant effort on your behalf but you would still remain in chains and undelivered. So would it have been with those

whom Christ came to save if He had not risen—those for whom He gave His life would have been undelivered. But Christ has conquered death and holds in His hands the keys of the grave.

Again let us remember as we study the folded napkin that

**It Bears Testimony to the World's Greatest Event**

I ask you—what is comparable to the resurrection of our Lord? What event in history can overshadow it? The blackest lie that could be told would be to say that Jesus Christ is not living. The grandest truth that can be uttered is that He lives and has ascended on high to represent us in the presence of God. Here is an event which is the turning point in the history of the world.

As I have thought of His resurrection I have asked myself the question many times, how can one account for the transformed lives of men and women aside from the resurrection of our Lord? Then further, how is any one to account for the existence and continuance of the church apart from it? How are we going to be able to explain the preservation of the Bible apart from it? And how can we account for the continued upholding of Sunday observance aside from the power of a living Christ? Whence came this day and who

started it? The answer is found in the fact that it is the memorial of a new creation. It didn't originate with the declaration of a man but with the all-powerful resurrection of the Son of God. Sunday became our day of worship the moment He came forth from the grave. The empty grave was the beginning of Christian faith and hope. It is the foundation stone of the church.

I want to say to you this morning that the resurrection of the Saviour is not only a mighty historical fact, but it is a fact of supreme necessity. It completes the work of Calvary. His death provides redemption, His resurrection provides regeneration. It provides for all believers a great high priest in Heaven for us. It opens to us the door of immortality. Oh, my soul rejoices in this knowledge and in all that it means to my own personal experience.

The disciples preached the resurrection with power. They knew what it meant. They knew its value not only in history but also in their own lives and in the lives of all who embraced their message. "And the multitude of them that believed were of one heart and of one soul; neither said any of them that aught of the things which he possessed was his own; but they had all things common. And with great power gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus; and great grace was upon them all" (Acts 4:32-33).

Is Jesus God? The answer is found in the fact that it is the memorial of a new creation. It didn't originate with the declaration of a man but with the all-powerful resurrection of the Son of God. Sunday became our day of worship the moment He came forth from the grave. The empty grave was the beginning of Christian faith and hope. It is the foundation stone of the church.



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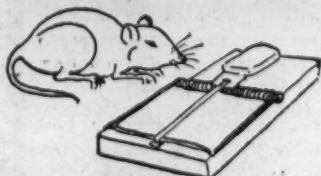
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## The Need of a Revival

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verted, he spent the entire night in prayer. Next day he preached and a thousand souls were saved. John Wesley used to keep an old man travelling about with him to pray for his meetings. He was a man who knew God.

Albert Midlane understood the Father's promise to importunate prayer, and knew how revivals came, and hence he wrote:

Revive Thy work, O Lord,  
Create soul thirst for Thee  
And hungry for the Bread of  
Life,  
—Oh, may our spirits be.

Again, it is written, "Behold, I stand at the door, and knock; if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me" (Rev. 3:20).

A few saints, living as they ought, are almost sure to see God's salvation come; but if their number is increased, converts from sin to the Saviour are the more sure.

Co-operation is a power in evangelization. We read that the apostles on the eve of Pentecost were in one place, and with one accord, and that is one of the essential elements of soul-saving today. The professed saint who, instead of lending his brethren heart co-operation in this work, plays critic, condemns, distracts, is doing the Devil's will to a greater extent than the vilest sinner.

"Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them" (Matt. 18:20). Many years ago, at Pine Lake, Indiana, we had to watch against prairie fires. One day when we had burned some brush and grass, I carried a pail of water, just before retiring to sleep, and poured it over the fire until not one spark was visible; but I forgot to scatter the sticks. Ere the morning broke, I was called out of bed. The wind had risen and stirred the slumbering embers into a roaring flame, and I found great difficulty in keeping it from spreading to adjacent fuel. I know not what stick had the coal which, touched by this breath of air, flashed into a flame. It may have been a larger stick, quite as likely a little one; no matter, the material together, the spark and wind are all that are wanting.

So in spiritual things, the spark of divine love in one heart may seem small, but when that is brought into touch with the score or a hundred of others and the divine breath blows upon it, the revival that fills with a mighty sweep a church, and going beyond it spreads into the dead, dry tinder of sin-slain souls and converts them into glorious life.

If there is any set of men today who need the prayer of their brethren and the mercy of God, it is men who are not co-operating to win souls, for that is essential to revival.

**The Results of Such a Revival**  
First, the refreshing of the saints. "That thy people may rejoice in thee" (Psa. 85:6). Oh, the joy among God's sons and daughters when the times of refreshing are on! The sweetest singing is sung when revival reigns; the most effective prayers are poured out in the midst of soul-saving. Money comes easy when men are being redeemed; service is voluntary when revivals sweep the churches.

In any part of the country one of the sad things about bleak winter is that birds then so seldom sing, so rarely do that which is their nature. In winter the perfume of flowers, falls and fruits

are exceeding scarce. But what a transformation commences with spring! The air is bursting with song, laden with perfume. All the field is rich in blossoms, promise of harvest time, and spring is nature's revival. But sweeter than the song of birds is the song of saints, and they only sing when God's spirit is saving men and refreshing the saved of the spiritual drouth.

In vain we tune our formal songs,  
In vain we strive to rise,  
Hosanna's language on our tongues,  
And our devotion dies.

And if the saints are revived, sinners will be saved. I sometimes see reports in our religious papers that certain protracted meetings have resulted in a great revival to the Church, even though no converts were made. That is quite impossible. When saints rejoice, sinners will be saved. When the Church is revived, some section of the world will be redeemed. When Paul and Silas sang, "the prisoners heard them" (Acts 16:25) and grew penitent. When the Holy Spirit comes upon the apostles and disciples, the unregenerate experience a Pentecost.

I doubt if one soul in a church can be revived as it ought to be, without some other souls being brought to God, and when my church is barren in these things, I do not so much blame my

brethren as examine my own spirit.

A New England servant girl got a blessing that filled her soul and went to praying for her unsaved mistress. One night the lady of that house could not sleep. Her sins were her sorrow, and waking her husband she said, "Dear, it seems to me I must be growing crazy, I am so distressed; but if you love me, go get a preacher to pray for my poor soul."

The husband answered, "Our girl Mary is a Christian; why not get her to pray?"

They arose and went together to the girl's door. It was slightly ajar. The light was dimly burning, and there before them they saw her upon her knees. Stopping instantly, they heard her pleading, "Oh, Lord, bless my mistress. Have mercy on her soul. She is good to me, and I want her to belong to my God."

They pushed the door open and knelt beside her, and that night husband and wife—two souls—were saved.

"Behold, I stand at the door, and knock; if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me."—Rev. 3:20.

When saints are refreshed and souls saved, Heaven is happy. That is a feature of our revivals too often forgotten. Nobody ever writes to the newspapers, "Sinners are being saved here, and

there is joy among the angels of God." But Christ says it is so. What joy some churches start in Heaven! They keep Heaven happy all the time!

You remember that the Central America went down off New York. Some days after that event which saddened so many homes by robbing them to enrich the sea, the lifeboat came into New York bay; and when the weary watchers saw the flying streamers, they started up in hope. As she came nearer, the captain stood to the bowsprit and shouted through his trumpet, "Three more saved, three more saved!" The listeners at the beach sent the word into the streets, "Three more saved!" The people passing there shouted it city-centrward, "Three more saved!" until New York, Brooklyn, Hoboken, Jersey City and every suburban town and hamlet heard the news. There was never

a sweeter message shouted from man to man, from street to street, from city to city, and it is the sweetest message heard in Heaven, more souls saved!

Brethren, let us bring out the lifeboats and bend to the oars, and be about this business of filling Heaven with happiness—God's business; we are partners in saving men!

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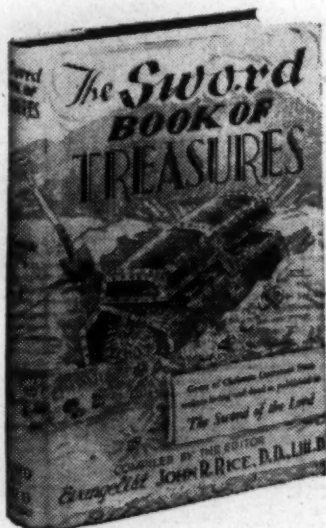


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